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RE: Docket No. 03-00585

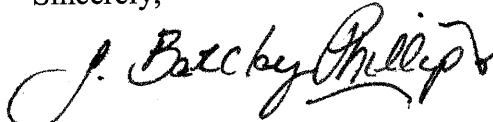
Dear Chairman Tate:

Mindful of the time frame established by 47 U.S.C. 252(b)(4)(C), which requires resolution of unresolved issues within nine (9) months of the commencement of interconnection negotiations, I hereby respectfully request that the above-referenced Petition be set for the TRA Conference Agenda for November 24, 2003. My request is two-fold in nature. First, I request the appointment of a pre-hearing officer in the Docket. Second, I ask that the TRA rule on the Joint Motion to Consolidate, which was filed by agreement of the parties in the above-referenced Docket on November 17, 2003.

As the Joint Motion to Consolidate does not involve or address the merits of any particular party's issues, receiving a ruling on the Joint Motion to Consolidate will not prejudice the rights of the Petitioners or Respondents. Furthermore, granting our request would allow the parties involved an opportunity to begin working through various procedural timing that will be necessary to bring this proceeding to an expeditious and efficient conclusion. I have spoken with Mr. Kraskin, counsel of record for the Tennessee Rural Independent Coalition, and he is in agreement with the course of action I am proposing herein.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter. Should you, or members of your staff, have any questions regarding my request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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